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PROCEEDINGS.

FIFTH MEETING (for the season,) February 10, 1859.

The Society met this evening by invitation of the Council, for the inauguration of its new Rooms in Clinton Hall, (adjoining the Reading-rooms of the Mercantile Library Association,) consisting of a room for the Library, and a larger hall for public meetings.

The President, on taking the Chair, remarked on the informal character of the meeting, but said he could not allow the occasion to pass without congratulating the Society on its present prosperous condition, which, to those who, with him, had watched it from its earlier stages of development, was eminently satisfactory. He urged upon the gentlemen present the propriety of aiding the Society to establish a Statistical Library, which was so much needed in this city, and for which the Council were making strong efforts. The convenient location of the Rooms, the accessibility of the Library to every one wishing to consult it, and the increased zeal which seemed to animate the management of the Society, gave the fullest assurance of future prosperity.

Archibald Russell, Esq., second Vice-President of the Society, read a paper on the "*Origin and Progress of Societies Devoted to Geography and Statistics.*"

Rev. Joseph P. Thompson, D. D., third Vice-President, excused himself from offering more

than his congratulations to the Society on the evident tokens of its prosperity.

Rev. Joshua Leavitt, D. D., one of the most active early members of the Society, spoke of the value and importance of statistical science, and the necessity that existed in this country, of more accurate information on topics of passing interest. He also alluded to the usefulness of the enterprise, and the renewed exertions now making toward placing the Society on a permanent basis.

Hon. C. P. Daly addressed the meeting on the present condition and prospects of the Society, and on the necessity for laying the foundation of a Library which should command the attention and respect of the scholar, the merchant and the statist.

The President then invited the members and guests to the refreshment room, where they partook of a collation; after which the Society informally adjourned.

SIXTH MEETING, March 3, 1859. The President in the Chair.

After reading and approving the minutes of the last meeting, it was moved and carried that, on account of the inclemency of the weather, the delivery of the Annual Address, by the Rev. Joseph P. Thompson, D. D., be postponed to Thursday, the 17th.

Without transacting any further business, the Society adjourned.